

## Guidelines for participants on registration and submissions

*Committee on Migrant Workers*  
*Day of General Discussion 2009*

On 14 October 2009, the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will hold a day of general discussion in Geneva on *Migrant Domestic Workers*. The discussion day will assist the Committee in responding to concerns about migrant domestic workers during its examination of States reports and in formulating recommendations that may contribute to the International Labour Conference in June 2010 which will take up the issue of domestic workers and discuss the need for drafting an international instrument for their protection. The discussion day is a public meeting at which government representatives, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non governmental organisations and individual experts are welcome.

### Participation and oral statements

In order to facilitate the exchange of views between participants and Committee members, there will be two themes of discussion:

- (1) *Recruitment and employment of migrant domestic workers*
- (2) *Effective protection of migrant domestic workers' rights*

Please see the outline for more details on the two themes of discussion.

The format of the discussion day is designed to enable participants to exchange views in a frank and open dialogue. The Committee therefore asks participants to **avoid presenting formal statements** during the discussion day.

### Submission of written contributions

The Committee encourages the submission of written contributions or case studies on the themes of the discussion day. The submissions could include examples/case-studies/good practices and focus *inter alia* on the following non-exhaustive aspects:

- Measures taken to effectively supervise recruitment agencies;
- Information campaigns to make migrant domestic workers aware of their rights;
- Bilateral, regional and international instruments of cooperation affecting migrant domestic workers;
- Vulnerability of certain groups of migrant domestic workers, e.g. children, women and victims of trafficking;
- Entitlements of migrant domestic workers to social security schemes and benefits;
- Measures taken to ensure the protection of the unity of the families of migrant domestic workers;
- Rights of members of the family of migrant domestic workers in the country where he or she is employed;
- Measures taken to effectively monitor the conditions of work of migrant domestic workers;
- Measures taken to prevent migrant domestic workers' dependence on their employer;
- Access to effective remedies for violations of migrant domestic workers' rights;
- Assistance provided by consular and diplomatic authorities of the country of origin;
- Assistance provided by authorities and civil society in the country of employment;
- Rights of migrant domestic workers in case of early termination of their employment;
- Repatriation of migrant domestic workers.

Written contributions may be submitted in English, French and Spanish. They will not be translated.

**The deadline for the submission of written contributions is 18 September 2009.** The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a **maximum of 15 pages**. In order to facilitate the exchange of information, the Secretariat will make written contributions electronically available to registered participants. Please note that only written contributions received in **electronic form** (Word or Adobe Acrobat) will be

made available. The Committee reserves the right not to accept contributions that do not respond to the themes suggested.

Previously published materials may also be submitted to the Committee, or distributed during the discussion day to other participants. Sufficient copies must be provided, as the Secretariat does not have resources for reproduction and distribution.

### **Registration**

For organizational purposes, all participants are asked to fill out a registration form, which can be downloaded from the OHCHR website: (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cmw>). Please send it back to the Secretariat by e-mail ([CMW@ohchr.org](mailto:CMW@ohchr.org)) or fax (+41 22 917-9052) preferably before **18 September 2009**.

As this is a public meeting of the Committee on Migrant Workers, there is neither a registration fee, nor does the Committee send out individual invitations. **The United Nations is not able to provide assistance with visa, travel or accommodation arrangements.** Participants are responsible for all expenses and arrangements related to their participation in the discussion day.

### **Logistics**

The discussion day will take place on Wednesday 14 October 2009 from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm at the Palais Wilson (52 rue des Paquis) in Geneva. Participants are requested to bring identification documents, such as a passport, with them to the discussion day in order to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais Wilson.

For any additional information, please contact the Secretariat, Committee on Migrant Workers, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNOG-OHCHR.

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